

## MONOPHONIC PEBBLING NUMBER OF DERIVED GRAPHS

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### ABSTRACT

**Objectives:** To find the monophonic pebbling number of some derived graphs. **Methods:** The monophonic pebbling number  $\pi_\mu(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the least number of pebbles such that after a sequence of pebbling moves a pebble can be placed on any vertex through a monophonic path. **Findings:** We compute the monophonic pebbling number and monophonic t-pebbling number for generalised Petersen graph, Kusudama flower graph and Sierpinski triangle.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The game of pebbling was originally presented by Lagarias and Saks to solve a particular number theory problem. Pebbling move involves choosing a vertex with at least two pebbles and removing two pebbles from that vertex and placing one of those pebbles on a neighbouring vertex. Lourdusamy et al. introduced monophonic pebbling in [4]. A chord in a cycle,  $C$ , or path,  $P$ , refers to an edge  $uv$  connecting two vertices,  $u$  and  $v$ , that are not adjacent in  $C$  or  $P$ . Any longest chordless path in a graph is called as monophonic path. This paper includes a theorem which determines the monophonic pebbling number of Sierpinski triangle graph  $S_n$  which is a fractal. Fractals are geometric figures whose parts have the same statistical nature as a whole.

### 2. Methodology

**Path Identification:** Identifying all possible monophonic paths in a graph can be computationally challenging, especially for large or dense graphs.

**Move Sequences:** Constructing valid sequences of pebbling moves that adhere to the monophonic constraint adds another layer of complexity to the problem.

### 3. Preliminaries

**Definition 3.1.** The monophonic pebbling number  $\pi_\mu(G, v)$  of a vertex  $v$  is the least number such that from every distribution of  $\pi_\mu(G, v)$  pebbles on the graph  $G$ , a pebble can be moved to any desired vertex  $v$  by a sequence of pebbling moves through a monophonic path. The monophonic pebbling number of the graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\pi_\mu(G)$ , is the maximum of  $\pi_\mu(G, v)$  over all vertices of  $G$ .

**Definition 3.2.** The monophonic pebbling number  $\pi_{\mu t}(G, v)$  of a vertex  $v$  is the least number such that from every distribution of  $\pi_\mu(G)$  pebbles on the graph  $G$ ,  $t$  pebble(s) can be moved to any desired vertex  $v$  by a sequence of pebbling moves through a monophonic path. The monophonic  $t$ -pebbling number of the graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\pi_{\mu t}(G)$  is the maximum is the maximum of  $\pi_{\mu t}(G, v)$  over all vertices of  $G$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A star polygon  $\frac{n}{m}$ , with  $n, m$  positive integers and  $m < \frac{n}{2}$ , is a figure formed by connecting every  $m$ th point out of  $n$  regularly spaced vertices of a cycle  $C$  with straight lines.

**Definition 3.3.** A family of cubic graphs known as the generalized Petersen graph  $GP_n$  is created by joining the vertices of a regular polygon with the corresponding vertices of a star polygon  $\frac{n}{2}$ . Let the vertex set of the graph  $GP_n$  be  $V = v_i, u_i, 0 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and the edge set be  $E = \{v_i v_{i+1}, v_i u_i, u_i u_{i+2}\}$  where  $i \equiv j \pmod n, j = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

**Definition 3.4.** The Jahangir graph  $J_{n,m}$ , ( $n \geq 2, m \geq 3$ ) is a graph consisting of a cycle  $C_{nm}$  such that  $V(C_{nm}) = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{2m-2}, v_{2m-1}$  and an additional vertex  $x$  that is adjacent to  $m$  vertices of  $C_{nm}$  at a distance of  $n$  on  $C_{nm}$ . Let the center vertex be labeled as  $v_{nm+1}$ , and the vertices of cycle  $C_{nm}$  be named as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{nm}$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Kusudama flower graph consist of Jahangir graph  $J_{2,m}$  with  $5m + 1$  vertices. Consider  $x$  as the center vertex is connected to  $v_1, v_3, \dots, v_{2m-1}$ . The vertex  $u_i$  which is connected to  $v_i, i = 0, 2, \dots, 2m - 2$  as well as  $x$ . There are two vertices  $u_{i,1}, u_{i,2}$  on either sides of the vertex  $u_i$ . Both  $u_{i,1}, u_{i,2}$  are connected to  $u_i$  as well as  $x$ .

**Notation 3.7.** Throughout this paper, the number of pebbles on the vertex  $v$  is denoted as  $p(v)$  and the target vertex is denoted as  $\alpha$ . Any monophonic path is denoted by  $\mu_i$  where  $i$  is any positive integer. Let  $V(\tilde{\mu}_i)$  be the set of vertices not in  $\mu_i$  and monophonic distance be denoted by  $D_\mu$ . The symbol  $A \xrightarrow{t} B \xrightarrow{s} C$  refers to the transfer of  $t$  pebbles from the set of vertices  $A$  to the set of vertices  $B$  and then  $s$  pebbles from the set of vertices of  $B$  to the set of vertices of  $C$ .

### 4 Results and Discussion

**Theorem 4.1.** For generalised Petersen graph is  $\pi_\mu(GP_n) = 2^{n-1} + 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu_1: v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, u_{n-2}$  be one of the monophonic paths of length  $n - 1$  in graph  $GP_n$ .  $V(\tilde{\mu}_1) = u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-3}, u_{n-1}, v_{n-1}$  be the set of vertices not in  $\mu_1$ . Let  $\alpha = u_{n-2}$ . Placing  $2^{n-1} - 1$  pebbles on  $v_0, 0 \leq p(u_{n-1}), p(v_{n-1}) \leq 1$  one pebble each on all the other vertices we cannot move a pebble to the  $\alpha$  through the monophonic path  $\mu_1$ .

Therefore,  $\pi_\mu(G) = 2^{n-1} + 1$ . Let  $D$  be any configuration of  $2^{n-1} + n$  pebbles on the vertices of  $GP_n$ .

**Case 1:** Let  $\alpha = v_i$  or  $u_i, 0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $\alpha = v_i$ . Let  $\mu_2: \{v_{i \bmod n}, v_{(i+1) \bmod n}, \dots, v_{(i+n-2) \bmod n}, u_{(i+n-2) \bmod n}\}$  be the monophonic path of length  $n - 1$  then  $V(\tilde{\mu}_2) = u_{i \bmod n}, u_{(i+1) \bmod n}, \dots, u_{(i+n-3) \bmod n}, u_{(i+n-1) \bmod n}$ . Clearly,  $D_\mu$  from  $v_{i \bmod n}$  to  $u_{(i+n-2) \bmod n}$  is  $n - 1$ . If  $p(\mu_2) \geq 2^{n-1}$  and  $0 \leq p(u_{(i+n-1) \bmod n}), p(u_{(i+n-1) \bmod n}) \leq 1$  and all the other pebbles have exactly zero pebbles each we are done. If  $p(\mu_2) \leq 2^{n-1} - 1$  and  $p(V(\tilde{\mu}_2)) \geq 3$ . If either  $p(u_{n-1}) \geq 2$  or  $p(v_{n-1}) \geq 2$  this will contribute at least one pebble to the considered monophonic path  $\mu_2$ . If  $p(V(\tilde{\mu}_2) - \{u_{(i+n-1) \bmod n}, v_{(i+n-1) \bmod n}\}) \geq 1$  we can find an alternative monophonic path of length  $n - 1$  with the required number of pebbles to reach  $\alpha$ . Similarly, we can prove for all  $u_i$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** For Kusudama flower graph  $\pi_\mu(KF_m) = 2^{2m+2} + 3m - 2$ .

**Proof.** Consider the monophonic path  $\mu_1: u_{i \bmod 2m,1}, u_{i \bmod 2m}, v_{i \bmod 2m}, v_{(i+1) \bmod 2m}, v_{(i+2) \bmod 2m}, v_{(i+3) \bmod 2m}, \dots, v_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m}, u_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m}, u_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m,1}$  where  $i = 0, 2, \dots, 2m - 2$ . Then  $V(\tilde{\mu}_1) = \{u_{(i+2) \bmod 2m}, u_{(i+4) \bmod 2m}, \dots, u_{(i+2m-4) \bmod 2m}, u_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m}, u_{(i+2) \bmod 2m,1}, u_{(i+2) \bmod 2m}, \dots, u_{(i+2) \bmod 2m,1}, u_{(i+2) \bmod 2m}, \dots, u_{(i+2m-4) \bmod 2m,2}\}$ . Placing  $2^{2m+2} - 1$  pebbles on  $u_{i \bmod 2m,1}$  and one pebble each on the vertices in  $V(\tilde{\mu}_1)$  we cannot move a pebble to  $u_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m,1}$ . Therefore,  $\mu(KF_m) \geq 2^{2m+2} + 3m - 2$ . Let us consider a configuration of  $2^{2m+2} + 3m - 2$  pebbles on the vertices of  $KF_m$ . To prove the sufficient conditions.

**Case 1:** Let  $\alpha = v_i, i = 0, 2, \dots, 2m - 2$ .

Consider the monophonic path  $\mu_2: \{v_{i \bmod 2m}, v_{(i+1) \bmod 2m}, v_{(i+2) \bmod 2m}, \dots, v_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m}, u_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m,1}\}$ .  $D_\mu$  from  $v_{i \bmod 2m}$  to any other vertex of  $KF_m$  is at most  $2m$ . If  $p(V(\mu_2)) \geq 2^{2m}$  pebbles we can transfer a pebble to  $\alpha$ . Let  $p(V(\mu_2)) \leq 2^{2m}$ . Suppose  $p(V(\mu_2)) \leq 2^{2m} - 1$ . By pigeonhole principle, if  $2^{2m} + 3m - 1$  pebbles are distributed on the remaining vertices which are not on  $\mu_2$ , at least one vertex will receive two pebbles with which we could move at least one pebble to  $\mu_2$ . Thus, we can reach  $\alpha$ . If  $u_{i,1}$  or  $u_{i,2}, i = 0, 2, \dots, 2m - 4, 2m - 2$  has 8 pebbles to  $v_i$  using the path  $\mu_3: \{u_{i,1}$  or  $u_{i,2}, v_x, v_{i-1}$  or  $v_{i+1}, v_i\}$ . If the path  $\mu_3$  has eight pebbles we are done. Suppose  $u_i, i = 0, 2, \dots, 2m - 2$  has at least 2 pebbles we can move a pebble to  $\alpha$ . In the monophonic path  $\mu_3$ , either  $u_{i,1}$  or  $u_{i,2}$  and  $v_x$  has two pebbles and either  $v_{i-1}$  or  $v_{i+1}$  has one pebble we could move a pebble to the target using the transmitting subgraph. Also either  $u_{i,1}$  or  $u_{i,2}$  has 4 pebbles and  $v_x$  has two pebbles the target could be pebbled.

**Case 2:** Let  $\alpha = v_j, j = 1, 3, \dots, 2m - 1$ .

Consider the monophonic path  $\mu_4: \{v_{j \bmod 2m}, v_{(j+1) \bmod 2m}, v_{(j+2) \bmod 2m}, \dots, v_{(j+2m-3) \bmod 2m}, u_{(j+2m-3) \bmod 2m}, u_{(j+2m-3) \bmod 2m,1}\}$ . If  $\mu_4$  has  $2^{2m-1}$  pebbles we are done. Let  $p(V(\mu_4)) \leq 2^{2m-1} - 1$  and  $p(V(\tilde{\mu}_4)) > 7 \cdot 2^{2m-1} + 3m - 1$ . From  $V(\tilde{\mu}_4)$  we can move at least one pebble to  $\mu_4$  and at most we can move  $2^{2m+1} + \frac{3}{2}m - 1$  pebbles. If  $u_{(j+1) \bmod 2m}$  or  $u_{(j-1) \bmod 2m}$  has 4 pebbles

we could move a pebble to the  $\alpha$  using path  $\mu_5: \{u_{(j+1) \bmod 2m} \text{ or } u_{(j-1) \bmod 2m}, x, v_{i \bmod 2m}\}$ . Similarly, if  $u_{(j+1) \bmod 2m, k}, k = 1, 2$  has 4 pebbles we can pebble  $\alpha$ .

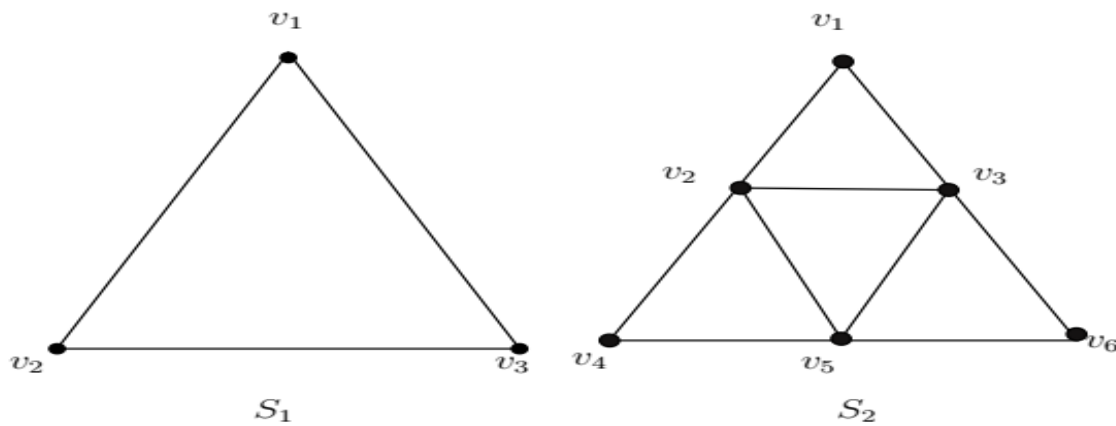
**Case 3:** Let  $\alpha = u_{i \bmod 2m}, i = 0, 2, \dots, 2m$ .

Consider the path  $\mu_6: \{u_{i \bmod 2m}, v_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m}, \dots, u_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m}, u_{(i+2m-2) \bmod 2m}\}$ . The monophonic distance  $D_\mu$  from  $u_{i \bmod 2m}$  to any other vertex of  $KF_m$  is at most  $2m + 1$ . So, if the path  $\mu_6$  has  $2^{2m+1}$  pebbles we are done. If there is a vertex  $u_{j \bmod 2m, k}, j \neq i, k = 1, 2$  not on  $\mu_6$  at least 4 pebbles, then we can move a pebble to  $\alpha$ . If the center vertex  $x$  has two pebbles or  $u_{j \bmod 2m}, j \neq i$ , has 2 pebbles we can move a pebble to  $\alpha$ .

**Case 4:** Let  $\alpha = u_{i \bmod 2m, k}, i = 0, 2, \dots, 2m, k = 1, 2$

Consider the monophonic path  $\mu_1$ . If  $p(V(\mu_1)) \geq 2^{2m+2}$  we are done. Suppose  $p(V(\mu_1)) \leq 2^{2m+2} - 1$  then,  $p(V(\tilde{\mu}_1))$  will be at least  $3m + 3$  pebbles with which we can move at least one pebble to  $\mu_1$ . If  $u_{i \bmod 2m, p}, k \neq p, k, p = 1, 2$  has four pebbles we can put a pebble on  $\alpha$ . If the center vertex  $x$  has two pebbles we are done.

**Note 4.3.** In Sierpinski graph an equilateral triangle is divided into four smaller equilateral triangles and the center part is removed. This is denoted as  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  is derived from  $S_1$  by dividing each triangle in  $S_1$  into four parts and the center part derived in each triangle is removed. By induction we derive  $S_n$  from  $S_{n-1}$  by using the above process.



**Theorem 4.4.** For Sierpinski triangle graph  $\pi_\mu(S_n) = 2^{3^{n-1}} + 3^{n-1} - \lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \rfloor$

**Proof. Step: 1**

Start with an equilateral triangle  $S_1 = K_3$ . Therefore,  $\pi_\mu(S_1) = 3$ .

**Step: 2**

To subdivide the equilateral triangle  $S_1$  we include three more additional vertices  $v_4, v_5, v_6$ . Let  $V(S_2) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ . The three copies of  $S_1$  in  $S_2$  are named as  $S_{2,A}, S_{2,B}$  and  $S_{2,C}$ . Consider the path  $\mu_1: \{v_4, v_5, v_3, v_1\}$ . Let  $V(\tilde{\mu}_1) = \{v_2, v_6\}$  be the vertex set complement of  $\mu_1$ . If 7 pebbles are placed on the vertex set  $v_4$  and one pebble each on all the vertices of  $V(\tilde{\mu}_1)$  we cannot pebble  $v_1$ . Therefore,  $\pi_\mu(S_1) \geq 10$ . Consider the distribution of 10 pebbles on the vertices of  $S_2$ .

### Subcase 2.1

Let  $\alpha = v_1$ . If  $p(v_2 \geq 2)$  or  $p(v_3 \geq 2)$  we are done since  $v_2, v_3 \in N(v_1)$ . From  $v_4$  we could reach  $\alpha$  using  $\mu_1: \{v_4, v_5, v_3, v_1\}$ . Suppose if  $p(v_4) \leq 2^3 - 1$  then there must be vertex  $v_i \in V(\mu_1)$  such that  $p(v_i \geq 2)$ . Similarly, from  $v_6$  we can reach  $\alpha$  using  $\mu_1: \{v_6, v_5, v_2, v_1\}$ . By symmetry, the proof is similar for the vertices  $v_4$  and  $v_6$ .

### Subcase 2.2

Let  $\alpha = v_2$ .  $v_1, v_3, v_4, v_5 \in N(v_2)$ . If  $v_i \in N(v_2)$  has two or more pebbles we are done. If  $v_6$  has four pebbles we can move a pebble to  $v_2$  using  $\mu_3: \{v_6, v_5, v_2\}$ . By symmetry the proof is similar for the vertices  $v_3$  and  $v_5$ . Therefore,  $\pi_\mu(S_2) \leq 10$ .

### Step 3

We repeat the same process as step 2 to obtain  $S_3$ . We divide the outer 3 triangles  $S_{2,A}, S_{2,B}$  and  $S_{2,C}$  in  $S_2$  into 4 congruent equilateral triangles except for the central removed triangle. There are 12 smaller congruent triangles in  $S_3$ . In this graph except the removed center part the outer triangles are isomorphic to  $S_2$ . Let us name those outer triangles as  $S_{(3,A)}, S_{(3,B)}$  and  $S_{(3,C)}$ . The cases to move pebbles within  $S_{(3,A)}, S_{(3,B)}$  and  $S_{(3,C)}$  are similar to what we have discussed in the previous step. Let  $V(S_{(3,A)}) = \{v_1, v_{A,1}, v_{A,2}, v_{A,3}, v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $V(S_{(3,B)}) = \{v_2, v_{B,1}, v_{B,2}, v_{B,3}, v_4, v_5\}$  and  $V(S_{(3,C)}) = \{v_3, v_{C,1}, v_{C,2}, v_{C,3}, v_5, v_6\}$ .

Consider  $\mu_4: \{v_1, v_{A,3}, v_{A,2}, v_2, v_{B,1}, v_{B,3}, v_5, v_{C,1}, v_{C,3}, v_6\}$  then  $V(\tilde{\mu}_4) = \{v_{A,1}, v_3, v_{B,2}, v_4, v_{C,2}\}$  be its vertex set complement. Placing  $2^9 - 1$  pebbles on  $v_6$  and one pebble each on the vertices of  $V(\tilde{\mu}_4)$  we cannot move a pebble to  $v_1$  through  $\mu_4$ . Therefore,  $\pi_\mu(S_3) \geq 2^9 + 5$ . Consider the configuration of  $2^9 + 5$  pebbles on the vertices of  $S_3$ .

Let  $\mu_5: \{v_1, v_{A,1}, v_{A,2}, v_3, v_{C,3}, v_{C,2}, v_5, v_{B,3}, v_{B,1}, v_4\}$ . Let  $v_i \in \mu_5$  and  $v_j \in S_{(n,B)} \cap \mu_5$  where  $j \neq i$ .  $D_\mu(v_i, v_j) \leq 9$ ,  $V(\tilde{\mu}_5) \in S_n - V(\mu_5)$ . If  $p(V(\mu_5)) < 2^9$  then there exist pebbles on  $p(V(\tilde{\mu}_5))$  from which we can transfer pebbles to the vertices of  $\mu_5$ . The following sequence of pebbling moves guarantees the reachability of a pebble to  $\alpha$ .

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$$t + p(V(\mu_5)) \geq 2^9$$

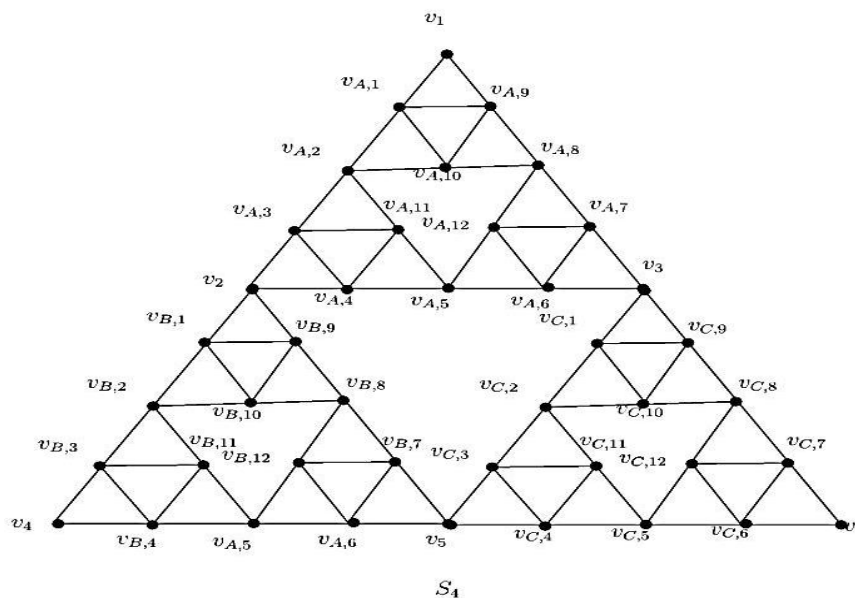
If  $p(V(\mu_5)) = 0$  then  $p(V(\mu_5)) > 2^9$ . We can move the required number of pebbles to the vertices of  $\mu_5$  in order to reach  $\alpha$  by the following sequence of pebbling moves.

$$p(V(\tilde{\mu}_5)) \xrightarrow{t} V(\mu_5) \xrightarrow{1} \alpha$$

Otherwise, with the pebbles on  $V(\tilde{\mu}_5)$  we can have an alternative monophonic path of length 9. Similarly, Consider the monophonic path  $\mu_6: \{v_1, v_{A,3}, v_{A,2}, v_2, v_{B,3}, v_{B,2}, v_5, v_{C,1}, v_{C,3}, v_6\}$ .  $D_\mu$  from  $v_i \in \mu_6$  to any other vertex  $v_j \in S_{(n,C)} \cap \mu_6$  where  $j \neq i$  and the vertex  $v_{B,2}$  can be deduced from the path  $\mu_6$ .

There are also two longest monophonic paths starting from  $S_{(3,B)}$  and two other starting from  $S_{(3,C)}$ . By symmetry the proof is similar.

**Step 4**



In this step we divide the outer 3 triangles  $S_{(3,A)}$ ,  $S_{(3,B)}$  and  $S_{(3,C)}$  in  $S_3$  into 12 congruent equilateral triangles except the center part.  $V(S_{(4,A)}) = \{v_1, v_{A,1}, v_{A,2}, v_{A,3}, v_{A,4}, v_{A,5}, v_{A,6}, v_{A,7}, v_{A,8}, v_{A,9}, v_{A,10}, v_{A,11}, v_{A,12}, v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $V(S_{(4,B)}) = \{v_2, v_{B,1}, v_{B,2}, v_{B,3}, v_{B,4}, v_{B,5}, v_{B,6}, v_{B,7}, v_{B,8}, v_{B,9}, v_{B,10}, v_{B,11}, v_{B,12}, v_4, v_5\}$ ,  $V(S_{(4,C)}) = \{v_3, v_{C,1}, v_{C,2}, v_{C,3}, v_{C,4}, v_{C,5}, v_{C,6}, v_{C,7}, v_{C,8}, v_{C,9}, v_{C,10}, v_{C,11}, v_{C,12}, v_5, v_6\}$ . Consider the monophonic path  $\mu_4: \{v_1, v_{A,1}, v_{A,10}, v_{A,8}, v_{A,7}, v_{A,6}, v_{A,5}, v_{A,11}, v_{A,3}, v_2, v_{B,9}, v_{B,10}, v_{B,2}, v_{B,3}, v_{B,4}, v_{B,5}, v_{B,12}, v_{B,7}, v_5, v_{C,3}, v_{C,11}, v_{C,2}, v_{C,9}, v_{C,8}, v_{C,12}, v_{C,6}, v_6\}$  then  $V(\tilde{\mu}_4): \{v_{A,9}, v_{A,2}, v_{A,12}, v_{A,4}, v_3, v_{B,1}, v_{B,8}, v_{B,11}, v_4, v_{B,6}, v_{C,4}, v_{C,5}, v_{C,7}, v_{C,10}\}$ . Placing  $2^{27} + 11$  on  $v_{C,1}$  and one pebble each on the vertices of  $V(\tilde{\mu}_4)$  we cannot move a pebble to  $v_1$  through  $\mu_4$ . Therefore,  $\pi_\mu(S_3) \geq 2^{27} + 11$ . Consider the configuration of  $2^{27} + 11$  pebbles on the vertices of  $S_4$ . The outer three triangles are isomorphic to  $S_3$ . Let  $\mu_5: \{v_1, v_{A,1}, v_{A,10}, v_{A,8}, v_{A,7}, v_{A,6}, v_{A,5}, v_{A,11}, v_{A,3}, v_2, v_{B,9}, v_{B,2}, v_{B,3}, v_{B,4}, v_{B,5}, v_{B,12}, v_{B,7}, v_5, v_{C,3}, v_{C,11}, v_{C,2}, v_{C,1}, v_{C,9}, v_{C,8}, v_{C,12}, v_{C,6}, v_6\}$ .  $\mu_4$  and  $\mu_5$  are the longest monophonic paths starting from  $S_{(4,A)}$ . We arrive at having the monophonic path of length at most 27 from  $v_1$ . The monophonic distance between any two vertices in this graph can be

deduced using these two paths. There are also two long monophonic paths starting from  $S_{(4,B)}$  and  $S_{(4,C)}$ .

If we go on iterating like this we will get a maximal monophonic path  $\mu_n$  of length  $3^{n-1}$  and there will be  $3^{n-1} - \left\lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \right\rfloor$  vertices which does not pass through the monophonic path. We arrive at the result  $2^{3^{n-1}} + 3^{n-1} - \left\lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \right\rfloor$  by induction. Hence the proof.

**Theorem 4.5.** For generalized Petersen graph  $\pi_{\mu t}(GP_n) = t2^{n-1} + 2$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, consider the monophonic path  $\mu_1 = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, u_{n-2}\}$  then  $V(\tilde{\mu}_1) = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-3}, u_{n-1}, v_{n-1}\}$ . Suppose if  $p(u_{n-2}) = t2^{n-1} + 1$ ,  $p(u_{n-1}) = p(v_{n-1}) = 1$  and all the other vertices have exactly zero pebbles, we cannot transfer  $t$  pebbles to  $u_0$ . Thus  $\pi_{\mu t}(GP_n) \geq 2^{n-1}t + 2$ .

When  $t = 1$  Theorem 3.1 holds. Assume that the finding is true for  $2 \leq t' \leq t - 1$ . Evidently,  $V(GP_n)$  has at least  $2^n + 2$  pebbles. Hence, we can move a pebble to the target with a maximum expense of  $2^{n-1}$  pebbles. Thus the remaining pebbles on  $V(GP_n)$  is  $\pi_{(t-1)\mu}(GP_n) = t2^{n-1} + 2 - 2^n = (t - 1)2^{n-1} + n$  and hence  $t - 1$  extra pebbles can be shifted to  $\alpha$  by the method of induction. Thus,  $\pi_{\mu t}(GP_n) \leq 2^{n-1}t + 2$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** For Kusudama flower graph  $\pi_{\mu t}(KF_m) = t2^{2m+2} + 3m + 2$ .

**Proof:** Without loss of generality, consider the monophonic path  $\mu_1: \{u_{0,1}, u_0, v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2m-2}, u_{2m-2}, u_{2m-2,1}\}$  then  $V(\tilde{\mu}_1) = \{u_2, u_4, \dots, u_{2m-4}, u_{0,2}, u_{2m-2,1}, u_{2,1}, u_{2,2}, \dots, u_{2m-4,1}, u_{2m-4 \bmod 2m, 2}\}$  be the vertex set complement of  $\mu_1$ . Placing  $t2^{2m+2} - 1$  pebbles on  $u_{0,2}$  and one pebble each on  $V(\tilde{\mu}_1)$  we cannot move  $t$  pebble(s) to  $u_{2m-2,1}$ . Therefore,  $\pi_{\mu}(KF_m) \geq t2^{2m+2} + 3m + 2$ .

When  $t = 1$  the result is true by Theorem 3.2. Assume that the finding is true for  $2 \leq t' \leq t - 1$ . Evidently, the graph  $KF_m$  has at least  $2^{2m+3} + 3m + 2$  pebbles. Hence we can move a pebble to the target with a maximum expense of  $2^{2m+3}$  pebbles. Then the remaining number of pebbles on  $V(KF_m)$  is  $t2^{2m+3} + 3m + 2 - 2^{2m+3} = (t - 1)2^{2m+2} + 3m + 2 = \pi_{(t-1)\mu}(KF_m)$  and hence we can transfer  $t - 1$  extra pebbles to the target vertex by the method of induction. Thus,  $\pi_{\mu}(KF_m) \leq t2^{2m+2} + 3m + 2$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** For seirpinski triangle graph  $\pi_{\mu t}(S_n) = 2^{3^{n-1}}t + 3^{n-1} - \left\lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \right\rfloor$

**Proof:** Consider any one of the maximal monophonic path  $\mu_i$  starting from  $v_1$  and ending with  $v_6$  in  $S_n$ . Let  $\alpha = v_1$  place  $2^{3^{n-1}}t - 1$  pebbles on  $v_6$  and one pebble each on all the vertices of  $\tilde{\mu}_i$  we cannot move  $t$  pebbles to  $\alpha$ . Therefore,  $\pi_{\mu t}(S_n) \geq 2^{3^{n-1}}t + 3^{n-1} - \left\lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \right\rfloor$ . From Theorem 3.3 the result is true for  $n = 1$ . Assume that the statement is true for  $2 \leq t' \leq t - 1$ . Clearly, the graph  $S_n$  has at least  $2^{3^{n-1}+1}t + 3^{n-1} - \left\lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \right\rfloor$  pebbles. Hence, we can move a pebble to the target with a maximum expense of  $2^{3^{n-1}} + 3^{n-1}$  pebbles. Then the remaining pebbles on  $V(S_n)$  is  $t2^{3^{n-1}} + 3^{n-1} - \left\lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \right\rfloor - 2^{3^{n-1}} = (t - 1)2^{3^{n-1}} + 3^{n-1} - \left\lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \right\rfloor = \pi_{(t-1)\mu}(S_n)$  and hence  $t - 1$  extra pebbles can be shifted to  $\alpha$ . Thus,  $\pi_{\mu t}(S_n) \leq 2^{3^{n-1}}t + 3^{n-1} - \left\lfloor \frac{3^{n-1}}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

## 5. Application

Fractals are used to simulate many real-world features, including mountains, forests, clouds, and coastlines. The graph  $S_n$  is used in digital image processing. Let  $S_2$  be the fixed point in this process. We would want to present the mathematical version of the image processing. Let  $V$  be the function which takes  $S_n$  to  $V(S_2)$ . So we observe that  $V(S_n) = S_2$ . A sequence of sets  $S_n$  that is endless can be obtained by carrying out this method indefinitely. The sequence  $\{S_n\}$  converges to  $S_2$ .  $S_2$  cannot be distinguished from  $S_5$ . The computer software uses  $S_5$  rather than  $S_2$  for improved resolution. In addition, the application could quickly determine certain attributes of a digital image by using  $S_2$  instead of  $S_5$ .

## 5. Conclusion

The monophonic pebbling number  $\pi_\mu(G)$  is a specialized variant of the pebbling number that incorporates the monophonic path constraint. It combines elements of traditional graph theory, path constraints, and optimization, making it a rich area for study in combinatorial and graph-theoretic research.

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